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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Docket No.

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

MUTATIONS IN A NOVEL PHOTORECEPTOR-PINEAL GENE ON 17p CAUSE LEBER CONGENITAL AMAUROSIS (LCA4).

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## **Application Elements**

- 1. ⊠ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
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    ☐ Descriptive Title of the Invention

|  |  | b.          | ☐ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | d.          |  | Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if applicable)   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | e.          | ☒  | Background of the Invention  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | f.          | ☒  | Summary of the Invention   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | g.          | ☒  | Brief Description of the Drawings  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | h.          | ☒  | Detailed Description of the Invention  |  |  |  |  |  |
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- 15. ☐ Claim of Small Entity Status. Applicants hereby assert that they are independent inventors employed by the University of Texas, an institution of higher learning to which they owe a duty of assignment and, therefore, this Application is permitted Small Entity Status.

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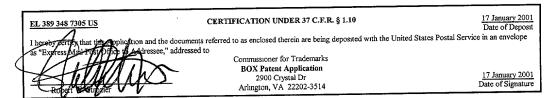
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